

ABSTRACTMETHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENABLING ACCESS IN A WLAN ENVIRONMENT

The present invention relates to a method and apparatus for enabling access in a WLAN environment, and in particular the present invention relates to allowing access to WLAN services in a manner that facilitates easy billing for the WLAN services.

In response to a WLAN access request, a charging call is set up in a second communication system using second communication system subscription information. The charging call is made to a number that provides for a proportion of the cost of the call to be allocated to the WLAN operator. Thus the WLAN operator is able to receive revenue for providing access to the WLAN via the charging call, which is billed for via the second communication system billing system. Thus, it is not necessary for the WLAN operator to operate a separate billing system.

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